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February 1 is deadline for Pre-med Honors program

South Texas high school seniors interested in becoming physicians are encouraged to apply for the Premedical Honors College at UTPA by Feb. 1.

The Premedical Honors College is a special program operated by UTPA and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston to provide rigorous undergraduate educational experiences to ensure that the program's students will have the preparation needed to succeed in medical school. The overall goal of the program is to increase the number of physicians practicing in the medically underserved region of South Texas.

Students begin the eight-year program as entering freshmen and are offered conditional acceptance to Baylor College of Medicine upon graduating from UTPA.

"For someone who wants to become a physician, this is an excellent opportunity, because only 35 to 38 percent of students who apply to medical school actually get in," said Dr. Cindy Martinez Wedig, program coordinator at UTPA. "Students in the program don't have to worry during their senior year about applying to medical school, the interview process or competing with other students for admission."

The first group of students in the program graduated from UTPA in 1998 and all are now attending medical school, Dr. Wedig said. The 1999 entering class will be the sixth group of students admitted to the program.

Wedig said one of the advantages of the Premedical Honors College is the support students receive from their peers.

"Students go through four years

(at UTPA) as a cohort, and then they enter medical school with those same students, who have similar goals and aspirations. They feel more comfortable in a group," she said.

"Since the purpose of the program is to 'grow our own' physicians, they (students) need to be aware of some of the social and cultural issues that face physicians practicing in the South Texas area," she said.

During the summer following their sophomore year, the students are encouraged to become involved in research activities by competing for off-campus research programs.

"The idea is that once these students finish their medical educations, they'll still need to keep abreast of new medical discoveries, and it will help them if they understand the research process," she said.

While undergraduates at UTPA, Premedical Honors College students major in either biology or chemistry. In addition to satisfying their undergraduate degree requirements, participants have to meet prescribed academic standards and complete premedical prerequisites before entering medical school at Baylor.

The program is limited to residents of 13 South Texas counties — Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata.

WHERE ARE WE?



—Shane James

Freshmen Erin Carroll (left) and Summer Kennan use a campus map to try and find their way to their next class.

Libya: Tennessee tornadoes are divine retribution

TRIPOLI (AFP) - Libya said Monday that the tornadoes that killed nine people in Tennessee were God's way of punishing the United States.

"God is continuing to punish the United States for its savage crimes against humanity," Libyan state television in a commentary.

Up to 10 tornadoes ripped through Tennessee Sunday night, killing nine people and injuring 60, emergency services said.

Severe weather has also struck parts of the East Coast and the northern city of Detroit.

Tens of thousands of Americans were without

power Saturday in the Washington-Baltimore area following an ice storm, while Detroit sought federal aid to clear the streets from about 6 feet of snow.



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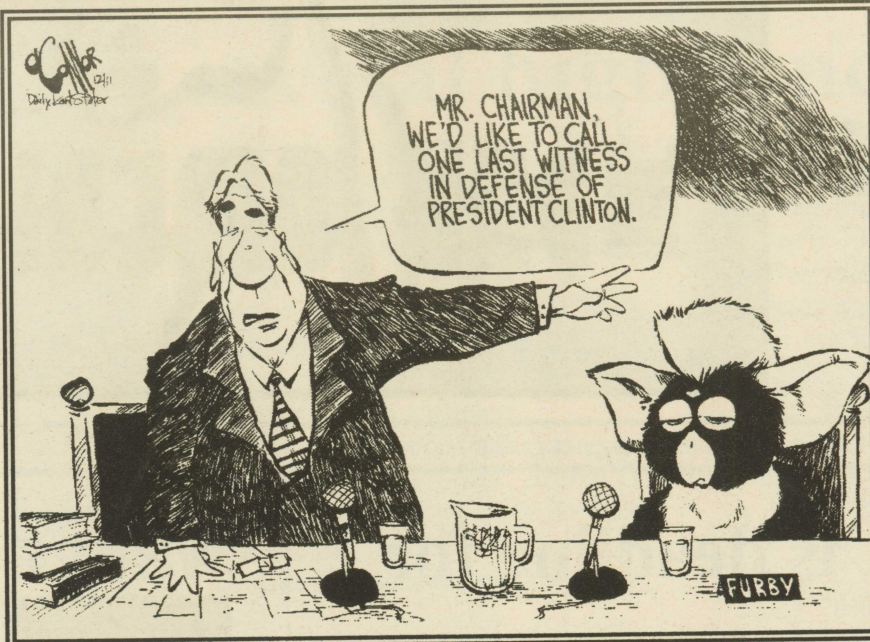
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Martin Luther King, Jr. lifted burden from white folks too

Somehow it's not quite Martin Luther King Day if you don't get at least one Klan rally in protest.

Sure enough, the Klan staged a demonstration a few days ago on the steps of the Indiana statehouse. It was the usual pathetic affair. Thirteen losers with a raggedy sound system yelling "White power!" to an audience of about 500 cops and 50 protesters in 12-degree weather. Their rhetoric, predictably, fell on largely disinterested ears.

But it occurs to me that there's at least one part of the Klan creed that mirrors the beliefs of more than a few white Americans. Meaning the part that sees King and his holiday as something purely for blacks.

It's something one hears white folks say occasionally — and not just those guys in the pointy white dunce caps, either. Late in 1997, white parents in Riverside, Calif., were up in arms over plans to name a majority-white high school after King.

He helped free black people, goes the thinking, but he didn't do squat for the rest of us. So it seems appropriate, as we approach his holiday, to say what ought to be obvious: Martin Luther King freed people.

If you don't understand that, you don't understand America.

There were two groups in bondage during the Jim Crow years. Blacks were one, whites the other. I don't mean to suggest that their experiences were equivalent — African

Americans bore the weight of segregation, denigration and oppression, particularly in the South.

And yet, if Jim Crow bound black people to lives of poverty, suffering and toil, it also bound white people to blacks, linked them in ways neither would have chosen.

Hatred, you see, is hard work.

It requires vigilance — an ever-readiness to envy the gains, impede the advances, prevent the successes of those you despise.

I don't know about you, but I'd hate to have to be like that, hate to have to think like that, hate to have to "hate" like that, especially knowing I'd be ostracized for bucking the system, for offering some black guy simple human respect. In the Jim Crow years, white people as much as black ones were forced to live by an unspoken code that governed behavior down to the most trivial interactions. You didn't extend certain courtesies to blacks — take off your hat upon entering their homes, for instance — on pain of ridicule or reprimand.

If the first effect of Martin Luther King's crusade was to liberate African Americans from subjugation, then its secondary effect was to free white Americans — those who had the courage, at least — from the burdens of "supremacy," from the need to maintain that silly system.

He lifted from them a weight.

A few weeks ago, I received a call

from one of the beneficiaries of that gift. Steve Fischer is a 50-year-old white guy who works for a Dallas software company. He told me that as a young man, he was one of those who didn't see what King's work had to do with him. But in the years that followed, Fischer was hired by a black guy, met black co-workers who became invaluable friends, had black girls join the soccer team he coaches, gave a job to a black woman who became, he says, "the light of the office."

"And I got to thinking, if it wasn't for Dr. King, I would never have had a chance to know these people."

It really is as simple — and profound — as that. King changed America. Offered a redemptive example that changed the world.

And though you lament the dullards who shivered in the cold of an Indiana winter while shouting white supremacist slogans, the truly pitiable ones may be those who insist on segregating the man's accomplishments behind some mental and emotional door marked "Blacks Only."

Steve Fischer surveys the richness of his life and realizes that the door speaks a lie.

"Martin Luther King," he says, "freed me, too."

—Leonard Pitts
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

FORUM

Should witnesses be called during the impeachment trial?

Republicans on Sunday trumpeted the necessity of witnesses in President Clinton's impeachment trial while Democrats warned of a time-consuming, unseemly spectacle as the partisan divide on the issue appeared to widen and perhaps solidify.

Republicans seemed firm in their conviction that witnesses such as Monica Lewinsky, White House secretary Betty Currie and Clinton friend Vernon Jordan should be called to appear.

"I think it will be pretty tough under these circumstances not to have witnesses," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "The White House has a heavy burden now."

The views on the strength of the case put forth by the House prosecutors and on the need for witnesses broke distinctly along party lines.

"It will be a spectacle," said Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn. "It will go on and on." Countering Hatch, Sen.

Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said House prosecutors must still prove why someone like Lewinsky should testify when she already has done so numerous times under oath.

"I still hope very much there are not witnesses, and I don't think there need to be witnesses," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "This is the most thoroughly investigated, widely reported scandal in history. I don't think we'll hear anything new."

Once the prosecution calls witnesses, some Democratic senators said they would like to see the White House call people such as Linda Tripp.

"I'd be very interested in

hours to present its defense, at which point the senators will have up to 16 hours to ask questions of both sides.

At that point senators will hear motions. The White House is expected to offer a motion to dismiss the case while Republican managers are expected to move to bring on witnesses.

Under the rules the Senate adopted for the trial, witnesses might come in two phases. First, they would be deposed

There also is growing sentiment among Republicans the president himself be asked to appear, an idea heatedly rejected by many Democrats who dismiss the idea as an attempt to embarrass Clinton.

One of the House managers, Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., floated the idea the Senate might take one vote on whether to convict the president and another on whether to actually remove him from office.

But the two-step process was rejected out of hand by at least one senator, Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "My understanding is that you cannot separate the two votes, but we'll wait and see," she said. "No elected official in the history of this nation has been convicted and removed by the United States Senate. Therefore, whatever we do here sets both a standard and precedent."

— Michael Tackett

"I'd be very interested in having Linda Tripp... and Independent Counsel, Ken Starr, all of whom might shed enormous light as to how it is we got here."

— Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

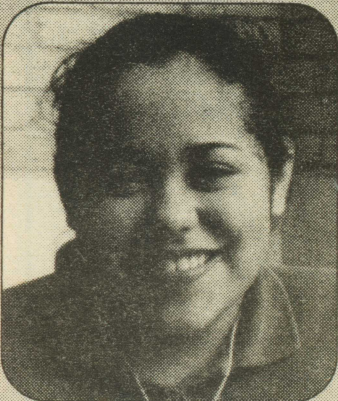
"If you get into the witness issue, we could be talking May or June before you finish the trial," he said.

Because Republicans control the Senate 55-45, some Democrats have conceded witnesses are all but inevitable.

having Linda Tripp, maybe having a whole host of people... and Independent Counsel, Ken Starr, all of whom might shed enormous light as to how it is we got here," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

The White House has 24

and senators would have access to those written depositions. If after that point, a majority of senators still believed more testimony would be required, then it is possible Lewinsky and others will be testifying on the Senate floor.



Yes...

Janie Obronio
Freshman
Pre-Med

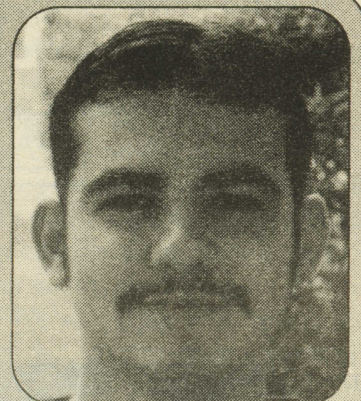
If they're telling the truth, the story should remain the same. I think the Democrats are trying to save themselves the embarrassment.

Kevin Cavazos
Junior
Education

As long as the witnesses are not just thrown in there to make the trial more scandalous.

Araceli Rodriguez
Senior
Spanish

I think witnesses are important so that there can be substantial testimony for a just decision.



No...

Veronica Carter
Sophomore
Education

The truth will hurt Clinton, and therefore the truth will add a worse reputation to the Democrats.

Orlando Vela
Freshman
Undeclared

They need to speed up the process. People have already testified too many times.

JANUARY

20 AUDITIONS: The University Theatre will hold auditions for its production of "Off the Map" at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre located in the COAS Building.

19 CONCERT: The Music Department presents a Mariachi/Jazz Band Benefit Concert at 7 p.m. the McAllen Civic Center. For more information, call 381-3471.

22 INTRAMURAL SPORTS: Entry forms for the 3-on-3 Basketball game are due. Games begin January 25th and will be divided into men's and women's divisions. Entry forms available in UC 206-A.

24 CONCERT: The Music Department presents a faculty concert featuring John Raimo on piano at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

26 CLINIC: Student Health Services will be holding a Cholesterol Screening Clinic in Emilia Hall from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. with special prices for students, faculty and staff. For more information, call 381-3471.

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27 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Southern University at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

28 CLINIC: Student Health Services will be holding a Skin Care Clinic in Emilia Hall from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. with special prices for students, faculty and staff. The clinic will provide services including the removal of warts, skin tags, and treatment for acne and other skin problems. For more information, call 381-3471.

28 ART RECEPTION: Reception for the Capri Prints from the Clark Collection from 7 - 9 p.m. in the University Gallery located in the COAS Building.

29 INTRAMURAL SPORTS: Entry forms for the 4-on-4 Co-Rec Volleyball game and the Free Throw and 3 Point Shootout are due. Games begin February 2nd. Entry forms available in UC 206-A.

29 CLINIC: The WIC Mobile Unit will be parked in front of Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WIC serves pregnant students and students who have children 5 years of age and under. For more information, call 381-2511.

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30 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. University of Denver at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

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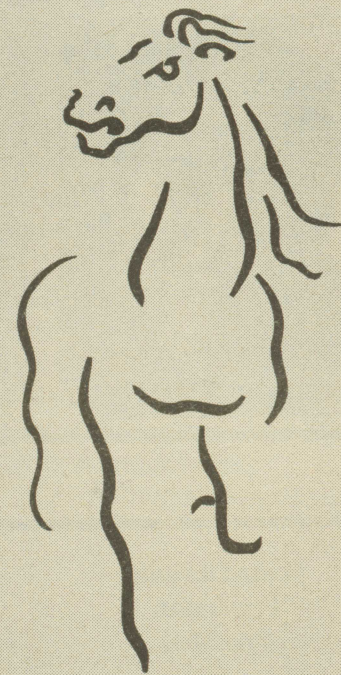
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Illness forces McCallister to step down As Dean of Business Administration

Dr. Linda McCallister, dean of The University of Texas-Pan American College of Business Administration since 1995, has stepped down from her administrative position for health reasons, effective immediately.

Replacing her on an interim basis is Dr. George P. Avellano, who has served as UTPA's associate vice president for academic affairs for graduate programs and research since 1996. He will continue in that position while serving as interim dean.

The administrative changes were announced recently by Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo, UTPA provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"The College of Business Administration has experienced tremendous growth during Dr. McCallister's tenure as dean, and she has done a fine job of positioning the college to continue to grow, be successful and achieve accreditation of its PhD program," said Arévalo.

"Now, because of some health problems (McCallister suffered a heart attack last summer and has recently undergone more medical

treatment), she has decided to step down from the deanship and to focus on some special projects in which she has played a major developmental role," Arévalo said.

In addition to completing the college's self-study report, which is part of the doctoral program accreditation process for the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business-The International Association for Management Education (AACSB), Dr. McCallister will be developing a Web-based management course for an MBA degree offered through the UT System's TeleCampus.

Avellano, who joined UTPA after serving as dean of the Graduate College and director of Faculty research at the University of Central Oklahoma, was a longtime faculty member in that school's department of marketing, which he chaired from 1978 to 1988.

"George will do a good job as interim dean. He is very aware of what is required of faculty and students in graduate programs and has been very involved in the recent



Linda McCallister, former dean of the college of business administration

progress of the College of Business Administration," said Arévalo.

Since the arrival of McCallister as dean of the college and Avellano as head of graduate studies, the College of Business Administration has awarded its first PhD degree, restructured its Weekend MBA offering into a Professional MBA Program and added an MBA for Physicians

Program.

"We have a strong faculty in the College of Business Administration," Avellano said, "and I look forward to maintaining the type of intellectual environment that will allow them to expand their contributions to business administration."

"With the cooperation of the department chairs and the faculty, we'll continue the high standards established by Dr. McCallister and move on to the final phase of our doctoral program accreditation," he added.

In a separate administrative action, Arévalo has appointed Dr. Jane LeMaster, assistant professor and director of the MBA Programs, as interim chair of the Department of Management, Marketing and International Business, a unit within the College of Business Administration.

LeMaster replaces Dr. Ercan Nasif, who resigned as chair at the end of the fall semester. He remains on the faculty as an associate professor of management.

UTPA collects record amount for 1998 state charitable campaign

UTPA faculty and staff contributed more than \$24,000 to the 1998 State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), a record amount.

"At this point, one out of five UTPA employees is a contributor to SECC," said Antonio Villalobos, director of personnel and local campaign coordinator.

"It's very gratifying to me personally to see this number grow each year," he said. "I think it sends a strong message of caring and involvement to the community. I am confident the message will be even stronger next year as more and more employees find out how easy and painless it is to participate and how much good can be done through the campaign."

This year's campaign ran from October 12-23, raising \$24,206. Volunteer coordinators from nearly every department on campus assisted the Personnel Office in distributing SECC campaign contribution forms and booklets to interested employees.

"The generosity demonstrated this

year by employees enabled the university to increase contributions by a whopping 25 percent over last year's totals," said Jeffrey B. Getchell, training coordinator in the Personnel Office and one of the campus campaign coordinators.

"It was the hard work and dedication of the department coordinators that played a significant role in this year's record-setting performance," he said.

Each year, the SECC offers state employees an opportunity to voluntarily contribute to their favorite charities. Through either payroll deduction or one-time cash contributions, employees can contribute to charities representing local, state, national, and international organizations.

"Because of the support demonstrated by UTPA employees and departmental campaign coordinators, hundreds of SECC charities will continue to provide quality services to individuals who need them most," Getchell said.

Colleges expect little change in Spending on higher education

WASHINGTON (CPX) - Federal spending on higher education may not take the big hit college lobbyists have been predicting.

For weeks, officials at some of the nation's leading college associations have worried about reports from the Clinton Administration that the president's proposed budget for fiscal 2000 would disappoint them. Especially troubling was word that the White House would decrease spending on three student-aid programs: the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, College Work-Study and Perkins Loan programs.

Several issues factored into the proposed cuts, including a cap placed on domestic spending as a part of 1997's balanced budget agreement and Clinton's desire to increase military spending.

"The picture was grim for the higher education community," said Terry W. Hartle, senior vice-president for government and public affairs at the American Council on Education.

"So, we went to work to make sure

the White House knew how strongly we felt."

The intense lobbying - bolstered by numerous public opinion polls indicating that improvements to education ranks highly among Americans' top concerns - appears to have been successful, Hartle said.

"We've gotten very strong signals that the Administration is moving in the right direction," he said. "We're not going to lose any ground, and that's very important."

Also expected to pop up in Clinton's budget proposal is increased funding for a variety of projects the White House championed last year as a part of legislation that extended the Higher Education Act. The Administration is expected to ask Congress to double the budget of GEAR UP to \$240 million. It is a new program designed to encourage colleges and universities to provide mentors and college-preparatory services to middle-school students from low-income families.

Students show ignorance of classic titles

Are today's students as well read as they should be? As degrees are becoming more specialized, have we missed out on traditional schooling? There are some that would argue that today's college students are ignorant of classic literature, writes college professor Peter L. Caverzasi in his paper "On Teaching Literary Classics".

In order to test these assertions, a list of ten classic titles was compiled from "The Cambridge Factfinder." Those surveyed were asked to match the author with his work. The titles chosen were 9 classic novels and 1 contemporary novel. Most can be found on sophomore literature reading lists, and three of them were Pulitzer prize winners.

The surveys were distributed to three different groups. The first group consisted of UTPA students in upper division courses. The second group surveyed were beginning students at STCC. The people surveyed in the third group do not attend school or hold a degree, but consider themselves avid readers. Surveys were given to 15 members of each group.

"I've read most of these, but it's been so long ago I've forgotten the authors," said Carol deVries. A junior at UTPA, she managed to remember most of the authors. "I can tell you what the books are about," she added.

"I never pay attention to who writes the books," said Suzie Prado. "I just read whatever looks good."

Scores on the survey ranged from 1 to 10. There were 7 perfect scores. There were 5 in group 1, and 2 in group 3. The highest score in group 2 was 6, and three scored only 1. The average score for group 1 was 7.77. Group 2 averaged 2.57, group 3's was 5.38.

All but 3 of the 45 surveyed correctly matched Mark Twain with *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. The only contemporary novel in the group, Stephen King's *The Shining*, was identified by 86% of those asked.

The book most often identified incorrectly was *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Only 27% correctly named Harper Lee as the author. *Catcher in the Rye* was only identified by one-third of the participants. The correct answer, J.D. Salinger was commonly named as author of *The Grapes of Wrath* in place of John Steinbeck.

F. Scott Fitzgerald was properly identified as author of *The Great Gatsby* 57% of the time, but he was also named as writer of *The Scarlet Letter*, *The Jungle*, and *The Old Man and the Sea*.

Moby Dick, written by Herman Melville, was attributed to Nathaniel Hawthorne, Upton Sinclair, and most often Ernest Hemingway.

Everyone was asked how many of the books he or she had read. The average response was 4.6 of the ten books. Of those that scored perfect, only one claimed to have read them all. There were 3 who had only read two.

—John Wiesehan

UTPA Mariachi, Folkloric Company To perform concert series in February

The UTPA Mariachi and Folkloric Dance Company's "Alegria 98-99" concert series concludes with six performances during February.

Scheduled concerts will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 13, 14, 20 and 21 and at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 and 26 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The concerts will include authentic dances and songs from different regions and states of Mexico.

Canciones rancheras, canciones romanticas and huapangos Veracruzanos are some of the more popular folk tunes to be presented by the UTPA Mariachi.

A tribute to the Mexican state of Chiapas will include "El Niño Dormido," "El Alcaraban" and

"El Sapo," all performed by the Folkloric Dance Company as a reflection of the natural environment appreciated by the Chiapans.

Also featured in the series is a new suite choreographed in 1998, titled "Canciones de Mi Tierra," that pays tribute to some of Mexico's oldest tunes and melodies. The suite is performed by both the UTPA Mariachi and the Folkloric Dance Company.

Other suites performed by both groups will be "La Boda de Luis Alonzo"; "Tamaulipas- Norte, Centro y Sur"; "La Revolucion de 1910," which depicts the era of the Mexican revolution and the people's struggle against the government; and a tribute to the Mexican state of Jalisco.



UTPA's Folkloric Dance Company will perform the conclusion of the "Alegria 98-99" concert series this February.

Stolen guitar returned to Rightful owner's hands

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Michael Wilton always knew he had a hot guitar.

For years, Wilton played his custom-made ESP Vintage Plus in the heavy-metal band Queensryche, recording eight albums and watching five of them turn platinum.

The group, formed in 1982, garnered a worldwide following, and a single, "Silent Lucidity," reached high into the charts in 1990. Wilton and his \$2,000 guitar were on the cover of magazines like "Guitar Player" and "Practicing Musician."

But five years ago, Wilton's guitar was stolen on the way back from a European tour. Wilton ran ads in guitar magazines, appealing for help, but nothing panned out.

Then last week in a recording studio here, a fellow gui-

tarist named Bill Brumlow found out how hot his instrument really was.

It was Wilton's long-lost property.

"I was terrified when I found out," said Brumlow, who bought the guitar two years ago for \$500 from a collector in Maple Valley, southeast of Seattle.

The guitar was spotted by Todd Walker as Brumlow's band, Dream Train, prepared to play in Walker's studio.

Walker said he knew Queensryche had some equipment stolen, so he called Wilton "and the serial numbers checked out."

"I'm elated," said Wilton, now 36, who plans to use the guitar on a summer tour. "There are so many rats in the music business that, when something like this happens, it just gives me hope."

Spring art exhibits begin With Manuella's designs

Upcoming exhibits in the university galleries will feature works by artists from around the country, the Valley and from the university.

The spring season began Jan. 10 with works by Frank Manuella, professor of art and head of the Department of Art's graphic design major, featuring mixed media in the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery in the Fine Arts Complex.

"Manuella's works are something that make you think about his motives and make you think about his meaning," said Valerie Innella, gallery director.

The Manuella exhibit will continue through Feb. 5.

Also in the Clark Gallery from Feb. 9 to March 5 will be an exhibit of new works by Brownsville printmaker, painter and art educator Noel Palmenez. Palmenez received a master of science degree at Texas A&M-Kingsville and is currently working toward

his master of fine arts in studio art at UTPA.

Spring exhibits in the University Gallery in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building began Jan. 15 with an exhibition of black and white and color lithographs from the university's Permanent Collection. The exhibit runs through March 3.

"This collection of over 50 prints from the Island of Capri, which were donated by the Clark family, have never been shown before," Innella said.

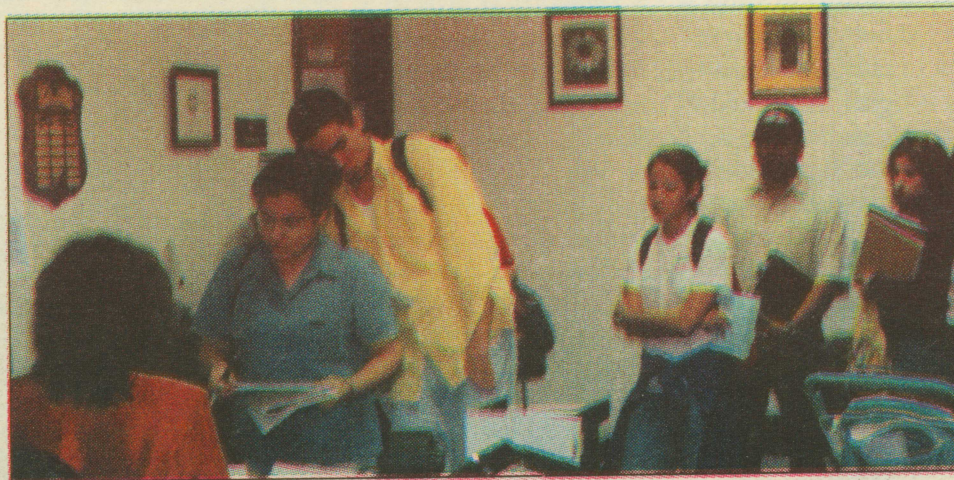
The exhibit will include "A Night in Italy," a reception in the University Gallery from 7 to 9 p.m. next Thursday.

The free event is sponsored by the Edinburg 2020 Arts and Humanities Committee and the university galleries. Both galleries will be open in the spring from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday except on university holidays.

Summer weather opens Spring Semester

Photos by Shane James

As the Spring Semester began yesterday at UTPA students were greeted with warm weather. They also were greeted with the usual problems with parking. Returning students were asked directions by entering freshman and the campus police were passing out the usual citations.

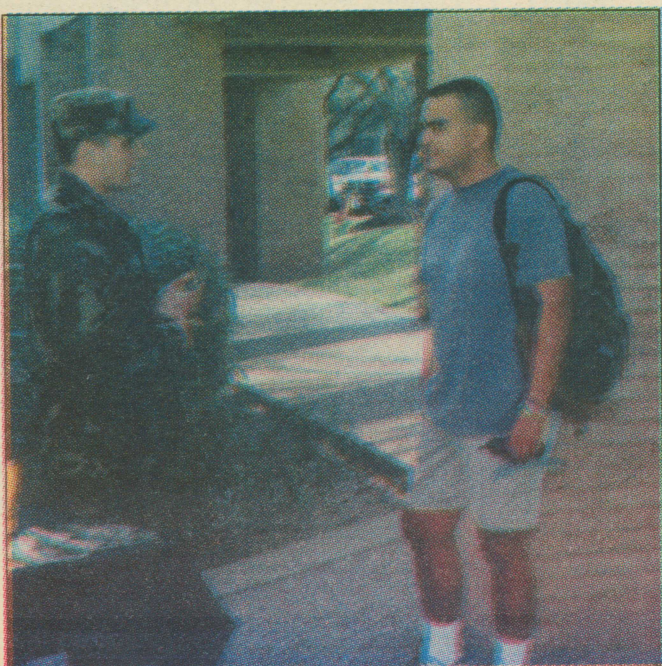


Above: Freshman Patricia Simack is first in a long line at the add/drop station in the Communication Department. The line stretched out the door into the hallway.

Right: Officer Mike Cavazos is busy writing one of the many citations he will have to make for students who did not remember to update old parking permits.



Above: Anthropology Senior Carlton T. Nelson comes to the aid of Freshman Amanda Gregory with directions to the music building.



Right: Freshman Aaron Winkler and Junior Jay Regalado sit and enjoy the summer weather in January.

Left: Army ROTC recruiter Arnold Noyola discusses the benefits of the ROTC program with Junior David Corpus.



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Degas' American masterpiece, "A Cotton Office in New Orleans," depicting the brokerage business of the artist's uncle, Michel Musson, is the centerpiece of the show. It was purchased by the Musee des Beaux-Arts in 1978, the first Impressionist painting purchased by a French museum. The museum loaned the painting for this exhibition.

President's legal team to begin making their case

WASHINGTON — To hear some observers tell it, things can only get worse this week for the House Republicans who outlined the impeachment case against President Clinton.

Though some were windy and others repetitive, the Republicans, analysts proclaimed, were able last week to present their most compelling case in a receptive forum with only one minor objection. From a prosecutor's perspective, it just doesn't get any better than that, they said.

But things could get even better for the 13 House Republicans acting as prosecutors in the case.

The White House has said it will argue that the facts don't support the allegations and that the House managers mis-

characterized evidence.

Clinton lawyers also will maintain that the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice don't rise to the level of impeachable offenses.

Charles F.C. Ruff, the White House counsel, began making those points Tuesday afternoon and provided a broad overview of the defense, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said recently.

But each of those points presents pitfalls that could ultimately hurt the president and help the House's case.

Arguing about the facts, for example, increases the risk that the Senate will call witnesses to resolve the dispute.

"The more he does that, the more it's going to be necessary to get actual, first-hand, material witnesses and depose them and, I think, cross-exam-

ine them," said Buckner Melton, a constitutional historian and impeachment expert who teaches at the University of N. Carolina Law School.

The Senate must vote on whether it wants to hear from witnesses, and the House managers spent some time last week pleading for the chance to call them.

"One thing we know about witnesses; witnesses never go according to plan," said Larry Pozner, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"Put a person under oath and let 100 senators go at them, and something's going to pop out that nobody thought of."

But it's the great unknown that defense attorneys fear, and Clinton's lawyers are no different. Ignoring the facts to avoid witnesses, however,

could raise other problems.

Focusing primarily on whether the behavior amounted to "high crimes and misdemeanors," and largely ignoring the facts and thus implicitly conceding the House's case could possibly turn some senators against the White House.

But Clinton's lawyers can't do the latter, either. Beyond the specific legal strategy, they also must worry about their tone and the overall impression they leave.

By many accounts, the White House stumbled occasionally in dealing with the House, coming off at times as high-handed and unresponsive in ways that hardened the anti-Clinton sentiments of the Republican majority.

That's why Pozner and others said it is unlikely the

White House will attack the House managers. They may even tone down attacks on Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who bore the brunt of fierce questioning by Clinton lawyer David Kendall in the House Judiciary Committee.

Pozner said he believed such attacks on Starr were warranted and would be part of any criminal defense attorney's arguments if this were a typical trial. But in the Senate, lawyers must worry about polarizing the jurors and alienating the American people.

"It's too late in the day to be playing that game," Dinh said. "That would show the White House is afraid of the law and the facts."

— Jan Crawford Greenburg
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

LSU assistant professor claims Associate dean spanked her

BATON ROUGE, La. — An assistant professor at Louisiana State University has filed suit against the school, charging that an associate dean pulled her onto his lap and spanked her while chanting, "You're a bad girl."

Another associate dean, Ronald Garay, confirmed the accusation, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported.

Dianne H. Piper, an assistant professor of mass communication, claims the Jan. 12 incident happened while she was talking to Richard Nelson, an associate dean of the university's Manship School of Mass Communications, about a chance for her to lecture for a year at Indiana University.

Piper, 43, said the conversation took a turn for the worse as she tried to defend the length of time she would be gone from her LSU post.

Piper's lawsuit alleges that Nelson spanked her while Garay "sat idly by, watching and laughing."

Garay told the Chronicle that was "not at all the case." He said he witnessed the inci-

dent, which "was something that happened so fast that no one could have reacted to it."

"I think I reacted as anyone would have - just in total shock," Garay said. "The incident did happen."

Nelson, who has agreed to step down from his position while the charges are being investigated, has said he is "totally innocent of any sexual or racial harassment" and under strict orders from the university not to discuss the case. But according to news reports, his wife, Valoie said the charges against her husband are "totally false" and said her husband was trying only to pat Piper on the back when she "fell on him."

Piper's suit alleges that Nelson had made several sexual comments and advances toward her and that he once told her the only reason LSU hired her was because she is black.

The suit, filed against both the university and Nelson, seeks unspecified damages. University officials said they would not discuss pending litigation.

Controversial abortion bill rises again

AUSTIN — Bringing back a proposal shot down last legislative session, Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth has filed a bill that would require doctors to notify a minor's parents prior to performing an abortion.

"We would like to see a return to parental authority," said Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson. "Also, we need to find ways to help lower the pregnancy and abortion rates in Texas."

Under this legislation, a physician would have to give a minor's parents 48 hours notice of her intent to have an abortion either in person or by telephone.

If the minor does not want her parents to be notified, House Bill 342 permits a minor to request a judicial bypass in which a judge determines whether a minor "is mature and sufficiently well-informed" enough to make the decision to have an abortion without parental notification.

Wohlgemuth said the judicial bypass is designed to help pregnant minors who fear abuse if their parents are notified. "If a girl is afraid of

violence that may occur because of notification, she may appear before a judge," Wohlgemuth said. "If the judge finds that there is a compelling reason not to notify the parents, they will not be notified."

Texas Governor George W. Bush has professed his support for parental notification in past sessions and will support the initiative again this year, said Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for the governor.

"He believes that for any kind of serious medical procedure, parents should be involved," Edwards said.

But Margot Clark, public affairs manager for Planned Parenthood, said the notification bill is not good public health policy.

"You can't increase family communication through legislation," Clark said. "It is basically about making abortions harder to get."

Clark said most pregnant teens already inform their parents when they decide to have an abortion.

"The facts are that three quarters of minors already talk to their parents about

this situation," Clark said. "Teens who do not go to their parents usually have a good reason."

Clark said the bill has been associated with a delay in medical care for pregnant teens and incidents of domestic abuse when parents discover their daughter is pregnant and plans to have an abortion.

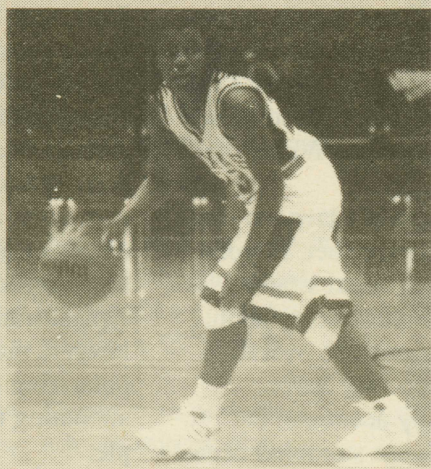
"They have seen increases in young women going out of state to receive abortions," Clark said. "Texas is right next door to Mexico where abortion is illegal but readily available."

But Joe Poijman, executive director for Greater Austin Right to Life, said his organization has observed positive changes in states where parental consent and notification laws have been implemented.

"We have seen three things in those states: the abortion rates for minors drop, the birth rate drops, and the pregnancy rate drops," Poijman said.

— Danielle Cooper
Daily Texan

Athlete Profile



-PJS

Alexis Williams

- Rita Castro

Captain, Point Guard, Coach on the Court, and Floor General are titles that describe Lady Bronco basketball player Alexis Williams. This season's first game at the University of Texas in San Antonio was a memorable one for Williams. "Last year they beat us," said Williams. "This time we played with more confidence, effort and hustle." When she's not on the basketball court, Williams is completing class assignments before she and her teammates hop a plane or hit the road. Williams, also a member of the Baptist Student Union. She enjoys the relaxed and polite demeanor of people at UTPA. Being an athlete, Williams understands the injuries that come with sports. This in turn, draws her to occupational therapy where she hopes to pursue her career and eventually be a physical therapist.

HOMETOWN: Houston

CLASSIFICATION: Sophomore

MAJOR: Occupational Therapy

PERSONAL: Single

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: UTPA Basketball Team

BEST THING ABOUT UTPA: Friendly atmosphere

MAIN GRIPE: Parking

ROLE MODEL: My mother for her strong will and faith

FAVORITE GETAWAY SPOT: The park

HANDLE STRESS: I read a scripture and think about it

DREAM JOB: I want to have my own Occupational therapy office

BEST FEATURE: I'm easy to get along with

ADVICE TO COLLEAGUES: Know exactly you want in life

Lady Broncs improve On last season's record

The UTPA Lady Broncs took the time over the holidays to improve over last year's one win season.

Coach Kathy Halligan's group took three out of five giving them a 4-14 record.

After winning their first game and dropping the next twelve, UTPA took their "A" game into the Florida Atlantic New Year's Classic and defeated the host Florida Atlantic 80-60 behind sophomore Cheveron Terry's 18 points. Guard Alexis Williams had a surprising 12 rebounds to lead the team.

The ladies would settle for second place after a 107-71 loss to South Carolina. Williams led UTPA with 26 points.

The Lady Broncs returned to the

Fieldhouse and won their first home date of the season with a 60-53 thumping of St. Mary's.

UTPA was once again led by Alexis Williams. The sophomore supplied 14 points and also brought down 7 rebounds, also a team high.

After hitting the road, the ladies luck turned and they dropped one to the University of New Orleans 67-96. Freshman Alexandra Gravel led the team with 12 points while Terry chipped in with 5 rebounds.

Two days later, Senior Julie Shaking came off the bench to score 24 points and come down with 11 rebounds in their win over Southeastern Louisiana 71-64.

The Lady Broncs next play on the road at Schreiner.

Bronc radio voice set to Broadcast triple-header

John King, the radio voice of The University of Texas-Pan American Broncs, plans to broadcast three games in three different sports on Jan. 30.

The King of Sports," has scheduled broadcasts of Bronc baseball at 1 p.m., women's basketball at 4:30 p.m. and men's basketball at 7 p.m.

Why is he attempting this rare triple-header?

"I thought it would be fun—that's why I want to do it" King answered.

"I want to see how good my voice is at 10 o'clock at night," he added. "On the post-game show in men's basketball I'll be fighting for every word. I plan to do pre-game and post-game shows in all of them."

King will do the play-by-play for UTPA's home baseball opener, the first game of a doubleheader, against Texas Lutheran University at 1 p.m.

Jan.30 at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

Then he will walk—or run, depending upon the time frame—about 200 yards across a street to the UTPA Field House, where he will broadcast the Lady Broncs against the University of Denver in women's basketball at 4:30 p.m.

Next he covers the Bronc basketball team against Denver at 7 p.m. in the same arena. The Broncs attracted their largest home crowd in eight years, 4,523, in their last home game—a high-noise factor that makes it harder for a radio broadcaster to do his job.

Has anyone ever broadcast three NCAA Division 1 games in three different sports in one day? "No, I haven't heard of it," King said. He will do all three games on KSOX, 1240 AM of Raymondville.

—UTPA Sports Information

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Pippen becomes a Rocket

CHICAGO - Scottie Pippen is on his way to the Lone Star State.

And once again he's hardly the only star.

According to league sources, the Bulls agreed Monday to trade Pippen to the Houston Rockets once the NBA lockout officially ends and training camps open, probably Wednesday or Thursday.

That would unite Pippen with former league Most Valuable Players Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley and instantly make the Rockets one of the top contenders for the NBA title this season.

Pippen will sign a five-year contract worth \$67.2 million and starting at close to \$11 million in the first season.

The deal also includes incentives that could increase Pippen's take to \$82 million over the five years. The Bulls were instrumental in that element, because if Pippen had signed directly with the Rockets, they would not have been allowed to include incentives under the new collective bargaining rules.

In exchange, the Bulls will get 6-foot-10-inch forward Roy Rogers and a second-round draft pick of the

Vancouver Grizzlies that the Rockets control.

For the Bulls, it's a deal with an eye on the future. They get a higher second-round draft pick, and the Rockets will pay Rogers' salary of \$862,560. Rogers' contract ends after this season, and the Bulls will have the salary-cap space for the free-agent market.

"I would also like to personally thank the Bulls organization for helping me through this period of free agency. I wish them the best because that is what Chicago deserves."

Given his past rancor toward Bulls management, Pippen departed in a conciliatory mood. But the team did him a favor - the sign-and-trade transaction enabled him to make several million dollars more than he would have if he'd signed with Houston or any other team as a free agent. The most the Rockets could have paid Pippen as a free agent was about \$45 million over four years.

"I am excited about my new career in Houston," his statement said. "And even though everything seems to be changing, I hope Bulls fans everywhere will understand that it is time for a new era to begin in Chicago. Thanks for all the great memories."

Pippen finishes his Bulls career with averages of 18 points, 6.8 rebounds and 5.3 assists, making him one of the most versatile frontcourt players in league history. He was named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history in 1996.

Even though Bulls fans recognized that the golden era of the team was probably over with Michael Jordan's retirement last week, Monday's flurry of tentative deals clearly put an end to the Bulls' dynasty of the '90s.

Eighty percent of the starting lineup of the last three Bulls championship teams will not be with the team this season. No deal was made regarding Dennis Rodman, but the Bulls will not bring him back. There were rumors that the Knicks might pursue Rodman, but their tentative acquisition of Latrell Sprewell from Golden State puts them at their limit for troublesome characters.

Only starter Ron Harper, sixth man Toni Kukoc and reserve guard Randy Brown are left from the championship teams. And even if he changed his mind, it's doubtful Jordan would return to the Bulls now since the championship nucleus has been so thoroughly dismantled.

But it may be the best course for the Bulls at this time because the deals yielded additional first-round draft picks and left their salary-cap room undisturbed while enabling the team to reach the minimum salary-cap figure of about \$25 million for this season.

Pippen's emergence in 1990 as an All-Star was the final boost the Bulls needed to overtake the Detroit Pistons and go on to six NBA titles in eight seasons.

With Jordan, he formed the best 1-2 punch in the NBA, and they were among the best two-man combinations in league history.

Pippen was a 6-7 forward from Central Arkansas when the Bulls selected him in the 1987 draft with the fifth pick, which they obtained in trade with Seattle. He went on to become an all-NBA player seven times and an all-defensive team player eight times, seven times on the first team.

—College Press Exchange

The road to SUPERBOWL XXXIII

Falcons come in as this year's sentimental favorites

ORLANDO - For a franchise that was cursed for 32 years, suddenly the Atlanta Falcons seem blessed.

How else to explain their berth into Super Bowl XXXIII?

The Falcons, who were 11-point underdogs, pulled the biggest championship game upset since the 1970 merger when they took out the Minnesota Vikings, 30-27, in overtime Sunday. Now they will play the Denver Broncos in Miami on Jan. 31.

"ESPN, Fox, CBS, TNT, Fox Sports South, Fox Sports West, The Money Report —nobody thought we could win," Falcons safety Eugene Robinson said. "But God has really shown this team favor. He saved our coach's life when he had quadruple bypass surgery (five weeks ago).

The Falcons have to be destiny's team. How else to explain their victory over the Vikings?

In the NFL's loudest stadium, the Falcons rallied from a 13-point deficit. Minnesota, a team that had set an NFL scoring record, failed to score the last six times it had the ball. Vikings kicker Gary Anderson, who had made 46 consecutive field goals dating to 1997, was wide left on a 38-yard attempt with 2:07 left in regulation, and from the exact spot, Falcons kicker Morten Andersen was true with 11:52 elapsed in overtime.

Isn't it ironic, don't you think?

"It's destiny," Andersen said. "He has had a tremendous year. He had been perfect. I feel bad for him, but that's part of professional sports.

"Any divine intervention we can get, that's great. I don't have a problem with that at all."

Atlanta's matchup with the Broncos presents some juicy storylines. Falcons Coach Dan Reeves, who coached the Broncos to three Super Bowls, once cut Denver Pro Bowl receiver Ed McCaffrey, once fired Broncos head Coach Mike Shanahan and has been criticized by Broncos quarterback John Elway.

The Falcons opened as 7-point underdogs to the Broncos. So what else is new?

The Falcons were laughed at for hiring Reeves in 1997. The game, critics contended, had passed him by.

But since their 1-7 start last season, the Falcons have the best record in the

NFL. They won six of their final eight games in 1997, and this season, the Falcons put it all together with a 14-2 record and their first NFC West title since 1980.

"It's incredible when you think about it, coming from 1-7 halfway through your first year, to be in the Super Bowl in the second year," Reeves said. "I can't say enough about our players. The Falcons, who have dubbed themselves the 'Dirty Birds,' have the same record as the Broncos (16-2). Maybe all that is missing is history.

"It is going to take some time for us to get credit," Atlanta linebacker Cornelius Bennett said. But all of it counts. People tend to call it luck. I like to call it faith."

Broncs endure month of several highs and lows



—Joe Leal

Players like sophomore John Braxton and others played much more than they are accustomed to because of a depleted lineup.

UTPA head coach Delray Brooks can now stop to catch his breath.

A month-long rollercoaster ride spanning five games sent him and his staff reeling.

About four hours prior to UTPA's match-up with Louisiana Tech, word was sent to Brooks that he would have to go without five players.

Freshman Watara Banks, Larry Gibbs, George Simpkins, Brucal Green, and Dewayne Watson were declared academically ineligible.

Brooks shouldered some of the blame.

"We as a staff could have monitored the situation better," said Brooks.

Banks would be allowed to play a game later.

Despite losing the players, five Broncs bucked the odds and shocked the Bulldogs 84-78.

In his debut, Kirby Lemmons scored 25 points and brought down eight boards.

"Kirby is an outstanding player and he had a great game but he has a lot to

learn," said Brooks.

A last second three-pointer killed the Broncs bid for two straight home wins in their 73-74 loss to Gonzaga.

The wheels came loose against Baylor when UTPA used four players over the final seven minutes, losing 102-85.

The Broncs started the new year with a halftime lead on SMU but it wasn't enough as the Mustangs handed UTPA a 75-86 loss.

Brooks' squad returned home with a renewed vigor and beat Arkansas-Little Rock 76-69.

Despite losing to Southwestern Louisiana, the squad was bolstered when Gibbs, Simpkins, and Watson were cleared of their ineligibility and allowed to play.

The Bronc record now stands at 3-14.

—Joe Leal/The Pan American

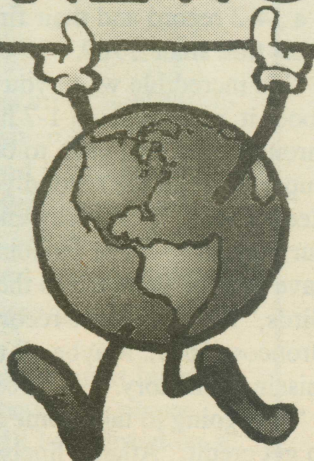
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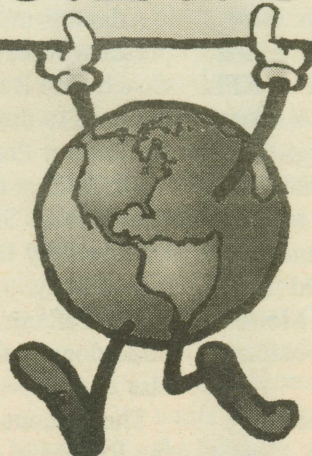
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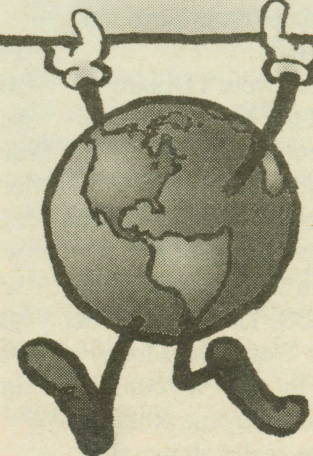
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